

## PROCLAMATION **LAW DAY** MAY 1, 2006

**WHEREAS,** Law Day is a celebration of our nation's great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under law; and

**WHEREAS,** our nation's founders created a doctrine of separation of powers among the three branches of government – executive, legislative and judicial; and

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to balance any accumulation of power, our nation's founders included a system of checks and balances in the Constitution, and this system ensures that each branch of government serves as a constraint on, and is constrained by, the powers of the other branches; and

**WHEREAS,** our system of separation of powers and checks and balances stands as a model for other countries throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS,** all North Dakotans are encouraged to dedicate themselves to preserving and strengthening our nation's rule of law.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2006, **LAW DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State